

Dave's Auto Service remembers Paul D. Yoder

On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, I lost a friend and a neighbor, Paul D. Yoder. Paul left us to be with God as a result of a car accident. His vehicle was hit head-on by another vehicle. Unfortunately, the driver of that vehicle also lost their life. So, we will never know what had caused that driver to go into the other lane of traffic. Paul was a very young 78 years old. He was in great health, good shape and never was in a bad mood. He devoted his life to his family, God and many others he has helped over the years. He often traveled overseas to other countries to teach Christianity.

This is my opinion, but I feel that today's drivers need to slow down, give themselves more time to go from point A to point B, and be more reasonable. Our government wants the care manufacturers to install more safety devices and gadgets to tell them when something needs attention — like tire pressure monitors. Every vehicle from 2007, except trucks over 9,000 GVW have to have them. Didn't we learn in driver's ed, or from our parents that we should check our tire pressure every week or at least every other week? How hard is it to walk around your vehicle and at least look to see if the tires look low on air pressure. What about the vehicle that turns on its wipers when it starts to rain. How hard is it to turn them on yourself? Or who remembers seeing the commercial on TV showing the Lexus that parks itself? And now our

government wants to put into law, all new vehicles sold must have computer control suspension. The one thing the government hopes is it will prevent accidents by helping the motorist keep control of their vehicle. I can see it now, as the motorist is driving towards that sharp bend, the spouse says, "you better slow down," and the reply is "don't worry, we have a computer control suspension." What do you think their insurance company would say when the motorist comment is "it's not my fault I hit the tree, it's my cars, it's supposed to have computer control suspension." I can go on, and on, but I am limited on space and I think you understand what my point is. There is nothing that will prevent driver mistakes or even prevent an aggressive driver. Motorists need to give themselves more time to reach their destination and take more responsibility of their vehicle and respect the other motorist on the road. Life is too short, leave early, enjoy your favorite song and enjoy the ride.

I will always have my memory of Paul on his tractor in the field or helping his wife Naomi in the garden. Rest in peace Paul, you will be sadly missed and remembered for all the good things you have done in your life.

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